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Applicants: Rui Sousa, et al.  
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For: METHODS FOR USING MUTANT RNA  
POLYMERASES WITH REDUCED  
DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN NON-CANONICAL  
AND CANONICAL NUCLEOSIDE  
TRIPHOSPHATES  
Group Art Unit: 1634  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

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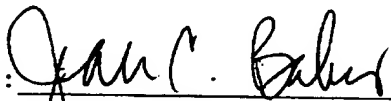
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Respectfully submitted,

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